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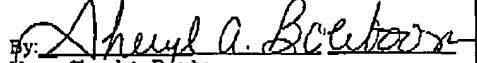
PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	SWART ET AL.	Examiner:	D. BECKER
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Title:	METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR REDUCING MICROBIAL BURDEN ON A FOOD PRODUCT		

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I hereby certify that this paper is being transmitted by facsimile to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on February 28, 2005.

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a 3-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed August 31, 2004, said period of response being extended from November 30, 2004 to February 28, 2005.

Please charge our Deposit Account No. 13-2725 in the amount of \$1,020.00 to cover the required extension fee for a large entity.

Respectfully submitted,

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